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SUMMARY: IN NAC DETENTE DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 20, PERMREPS AGREED THAT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (REFTEL) SHOULD BE REDUCED TO LIST OF TOPICS FOR USE AS POSSIBLE POINT OF REFERENCE IN MINISTERIAL DEBATE. COUNCIL WILL ADDRESS REVISED DETENTE REPORT NOVEMBER 26. END SUMMARY.

1. IN NOVEMBER 20 PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON DETENTE, SEND REFTEL, DE STAERCCKE (BELGIUM) MILDLY CRITICIZED REPORT AS GOING PERHAPS TOO FAR TOWARD CONCLUSIONS WHEN COUNCIL HAD ASKED SPC ONLY TO RAISE QUESTIONS THAT WOULD GUIDE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION ON DETENTE. WHILE QUESTIONS HAD BEEN ANNEXED TO THE REPORT,

THESE WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED. FOR EXAMPLE BELGIAN QUESTION ABOUT IMPACT ON DETENTE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND OF FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES HAD NOT BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED.

2. FRENCH PERMREP (DE ROSE) EXPRESSED CONFUSION ABOUT REFERENCE TO THE "DETENTE UMBRELLA" PROVIDED BY US-SOVIET

BILATERAL RELATIONS AS CITED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE REPORT. WHILE FRANCE HAD ALWAYS STRESSED THAT THE US NUCLEAR UMBRELLA WAS INDISPENSABLE TO DEFENSE -- AS RECENTLY STATED IN ARTICLE 5 OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION -- DE ROSE DOUBTED THAT FRANCE COULD AGREE THAT FRENCH NATIONAL DETENTE POLICIES ARE IN ANY WAY DEPENDENT ON BILATERAL US-SOVIET RELATIONS. WHILE THERE WERE ELEMENTS OF TRUTH IN THIS CONCEPT, THE REPORT'S STATEMENTS OF IT WENT BEYOND WHAT HISTORY AND CURRENT FACTS WOULD SUPPORT. DE ROSE NOTED THAT THE SPC HAD IDENTIFIED A VARIETY OF NATIONAL APPROACHES WHICH ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF GEOGRAPHIC, HISTORICAL, POLITICAL AND MILITARY FACTORS AND CAPABILITIES. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE THE ALLIANCE MUST CONSULT ON THE BASIS OF THESE DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH, IT SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP A COMMON DETENTE POLICY.

3. DANISH PERMREP (SVART) JOINED BY DUTCH, ITALIAN AND TURKISH REPS, EXPRESSED GREAT SYMPATHY FOR SPC CHAIRMAN KASTL IN PREPARING REPORT ON DIFFICULT TOPIC. SVART AND OTHERS AGREED THAT PAPER MIGHT BE RE-CAST AS A LIST OF THEMES WHICH WOULD SERVE AS GUIDELINES FOR MINISTERIAL DEBATE. FRENCH REP SUGGESTED THAT LIST OF QUESTIONS NOT TAKE FORM OF QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH MINISTERS WOULD FEEL NEEDED ANSWERING. RATHER, QUESTIONS COULD BE REWORDED AS TOPICS WHICH MINISTERS MIGHT WANT TO TOUCH UPON AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETING. DUTCH PERMREP (HARTOGH) HOPED THAT LIST OF TOPICS COULD BE REDUCED IN NUMBER FROM THOSE CITED IN THE ANNEX TO THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

4. US REP (MCAULIFFE) ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH REMARKS OF DANISH, GERMAN, ITALIAN AND TURKISH COLLEAGUES. IN AGREEING THAT PAPER MIGHT BETTER BE REDUCED TO LIST OF TOPICS, MCAULIFFE ADDED THAT US SAW MERIT IN DETENTE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE IN THE SPC. JUST AS MILITARY PLANNING PROCESS AS SUCH SOMETIMES PROVIDED TO BE MORE USEFUL THAN THE PLANS FINALLY PRODUCED, SO DISCUSSION OF DETENTE HAS BEEN USEFUL IN IDENTIFYING DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH AND EMPHASIS. THE US HOPED THAT MINISTERS WOULD SERIOUSLY ADDRESSED ANY DIFFERENCES
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AMONG THEN IN DECEMBER WITHOUT, OF COURSE, HIGHLIGHTING OR PUBLICIZING DIFFERENCES. DRAWING ON PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS IN STATE 209039, MCAULIFFE SUGGESTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT -- IN THE FORM OF TOPICS, PERHAPS SEPARATED AND IDENTIFIED BY TOPIC HEADINGS -- MIGHT SERVE AS A USEFUL REFERENCE POINT IN THE MINISTERIAL PLENARY SESSION. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS MIGHT BASE HIS REMARKS OPENING MINISTERIAL DETENTE DEBATE ON THE LIST OF TOPICS PRODUCED BY THE SPC CHAIRMAN. SEVERAL ALLIED REPS (UK, FRANCE) STRESSED SUGGESTION THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WOULD NOT BE PLACED TOO PROMINENTLY BEFORE THE MINISTERS, BUT WOULD SERVE AS POSSIBLE STIMULUS AND GUIDANCE SHOULD MINISTERS CARE TO DRAW ON IT.

5. COUNCIL AGREED TO DISCUSS DETENTE AGAIN NOVEMBER 26 TO
REVIEW AMENDED CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. LATTER WILL FEATURE
SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED COVER STATEMENT AND LIST OF TOPICS
DIVIDED BY SUBJECT HEADINGS.
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